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SUBJECT: EXERCISE HILEX-8: OUTLINE FOR PREGAME
SCENARIO

REF: A) STATE 5399; B) USNATO 178; C) USNATO 323

1. THE SCENARIO SHOULD BE SIMPLIFIED AND RECAST SIMPLY
AS BROAD GUIDANCE TO THE HIGH LEVEL EXERCISE PLANNING
GROUP (HLEPG). THE POLITICAL RATIONALE OF THE REVISED
SCENARIO IS STILL LESS THAN SATISFACTORY AND THE ECONOMIC
RATIONALE IS ALMOST NEGLIGIBLE. WITH A YEAR TO GO BEFORE
THE EXERCISE WE SHOULD AIM TO REDUCE THIS DOCUMENT TO
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MAJOR EVENTS WHICH THE HLEPG WILL FILL OUT LATER.

2. US REP SHOULD MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS DURING THE
JANUARY 27 WORKING GROUP MEETING:

A) THE OUTLINE REMAINS A GENERAL GUIDE WHICH WILL BE
AMENDED AND FLESHED OUT WITH FURTHER INCIDENTS BY THE

HIGH LEVEL EXERCISE PLANNING GROUP.

B) HILEX IS THE ALLIANCE'S CIVIL-MILITARY EXERCISE. THERE IS ALMOST NO PLAY OF RESOURCES PROBLEMS IN THE SCENARIO AS DRAFTED. WE WANT TO TEST BOTH HALVES OF CEP: CIVIL

RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF BOTH MILITARY OPERATIONS AND THE CIVILIAN POPULATIONS. WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE THE NECESSITY FOR EARLY TASKING OF NATO'S CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING (CEP) STRUCTURE (AND PARTICULARLY THE JOINT FOOD AND AGRICULTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE (FAPC)/INDUSTRIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (IPC) WORKING GROUP) TO DEVELOP SUGGESTED RESOURCES, SERVICE AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS TO BE PLAYED.

C) AS GENERAL THEMES FOR INCLUSION IN THE OUTLINE SCENARIO SUPPLEMENTING GUIDANCE OF REF A WE FEEL THAT THE SCENARIO NEEDS:

-- MORE INTELLIGENCE INDICATORS SUCH AS OPEN INTER-CEPTS; TRAFFIC REPRESENTING COMMAND AND CONTROL NETS; SIGNAL UNITS SETTING UP.

-- THE PLAY OF NATO MILITARY ATTACHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXERCISE/TROOP ROTATION - I.E., ARE THEY RESTRICTED TO MOSCOW OR CAN THEY TELL US ABOUT THE KIND OF SOLDIER BEING SENT WESTWARD ON ROTATION.

-- BETTER READOUTS ON WHETHER WE SHALL FACE A JUMPOFF SURPRISE ATTACK OR AN ATTACK REINFORCED BY FURTHER UNITS
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FROM THE BYLORUSSIAN, BALTIC AND CARPATHIAN MILITARY DISTRICTS.

3. FUNDING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR A STATE REP TO HLEPG. WE RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTIES OF NEGOTIATING THIS KIND OF GROUP PRODUCT AND SHALL DO ALL WE CAN TO SUPPORT FROM HERE THE US REP FROM MISSION.
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